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## EX-KAISER SEEKS TO SHIFT BLAME FOR STARTING WAR

Copenhagen, Saturday, Nov. 30.—Further revelations showing that former Emperor William of Germany is seeking to escape responsibility for bringing on the war are contained in an article by Dr. George Wegener, appearing in the Cologne Gazette, recounting a conversation which the writer had with the emperor just before he fled. In this interview the emperor attempted to shift the blame for the world conflict to the shoulders of Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, former imperial chancellor and Gottlieb von Jagow, former minister of foreign affairs.

"Against my will they sent me to Norway," William is quoted as having said. "I did not wish to undertake the voyage because gravity of the situation after the murder of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, was clear at first sight. But the chancellor said to me, 'Your majesty must take this voyage in order to maintain peace. If your majesty remains here, it undoubtedly means war and the world will lay to your charge responsibility for this war.'"

"Well, I then undertook the voyage. During all this time I received no reports from my government concerning current events. Strictly speaking, I only learned from Norwegian newspapers of what was occurring in the world and in this way I learned of the Russian mobilization measures.

"But when I heard that the British fleet had put to sea, I returned of my own accord. They had nearly caught

me. On my orders, German ships returned at once to the security of Norwegian harbors. Later it would not have been possible for them to do so."

The emperor then mentioned declarations of Gen. W. A. Soukhomlinoff, Russian minister of war, during the investigations which occurred afterwards, which he later altered to the statement that he had not ordered real mobilization but only readiness for mobilization. The emperor, however, insisted on the correctness of the first declaration according to which the czar had been induced by the kaiser to recall his order for mobilization. He declared too that Gen. Nicholas Januschkevitch, chief of the Russian imperial general staff deceived the czar and the order was carried out in spite of him. This mobilization, the kaiser would have it, was the final reason for the war.

"The Russian war party at the court," the kaiser continued, "had already in the spring of 1914 compelled the czar to make preparative for war. From that time Siberian regiments were gradually drawn westward. They were told that maneuvers were the reason for these movements and thus had they marched on to Volga River and further westward until they reached Vilna, where they were suddenly handed out loaded cartridges and told that they were now going to fight in earnest.

"In fact," said the kaiser in ending the interview, "Russian troops were already over our frontier before war was declared."

## FOUR DIVISIONS NAMED TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY

Washington, Nov. 30.—Four divisions in their entirety and major units of eight other divisions of the American army in France have been designated by Gen. Pershing for an early return home. These troops, with other special units, Gen. March, chief of staff, announced today, total 3,451 officers and 79,663 men.

The complete divisions which will return at an early date, Gen. March said are the thirty-ninth, seventy-sixth, eighty-seventh and ninety-second. Important elements of the following divisions to return as soon as transportation facilities are available are the thirty-first, thirty-fourth, eighty-fifth, eighty-sixth and eighty-eighth.

Now figures on the American army casualties, announced by the chief of staff, which exceeds that made public a week ago by 28,000, covers all to Nov. 29. The principal change in the revised list is the addition of 13,000 men missing in action. Gen. Pershing, it was said, has thus far forwarded no explanation of the increase under this heading and it was assumed that an error occurred in the transmission of the previous figures. General March explained that the revised figures on prisoners could not be deciphered in Gen. Pershing's message.

The special units to embark soon consist largely of coast artillery brigades and separate regiments, many battalions and batteries of anti-aircraft artillery and other organizations including aero squadrons.

Orders have been issued, the chief of staff also said for the demobilization of 619,000 men in the camps and cantonments in the United States. Approximately 40,000 officers and men in the home camps have already been discharged.

At the end of December, Gen. March indicated, probably 150,000 to 175,000 members of the Expeditionary Force will have returned to his country. He said the War Department hoped in time to provide transportation for 300,000 men a month.

## Home Demonstration Department.

There are so many boys and girls of the county out of school this fall on account of influenza that I cannot easily see all of you. I want to ask any boy or girl who is interested in joining either the canning of poultry club to write to me at once, and I shall come to see you or send you directions as to work.

Those joining the Canning Club should select one-tenth acre of ground, which should be ploughed and sown down this fall. If this is not possible, break plot and broadcast with stable manure, so that ground will be in best condition for spring planting. Directions for hot beds, etc. will be given in early spring. Those joining Poultry Club should secure a few pure-bred fowls this fall.

A record of work is kept by members and on these records are awarded the summer scholarships to Winthrop College.

We were sorry on account of quarantine not to be able to exhibit some of the work done by club members this summer. "Food will save the world". Do your part with other club members of the state. Join in with other members and make Laurens one of the banner counties in food production and conservation. Any body or girl between ages of twelve to eighteen may join these clubs. If you are interested write to me.

DAISY G. HARRIS,  
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## LEMON JUICE IS FRECKLE REMOVER

Girls! Make this cheap beauty lotion to clear and whiten your skin. Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle and tan lotion, and complexion beautifier, at very small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles and blemishes disappear and how clear, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless.

## VICTORY IS HERE

We have arrived "Over There." Our boys have done a glorious work for humanity. We are proud of them. By way of celebrating this world event we are going to make some special December offerings to our customers.

8 pieces 34-inch half wool Danish Poplin, green, navy, garnet, grey and black, worth 75c per yard, our price only ..... 50c	LADIES' BED-ROOM SLIPPERS. No. 7598 Light Blue ..... \$1.50 No. 7592 Old Rose ..... \$1.50 No. 7496 Dark Green ..... \$1.75 No. 7491 Dark Red ..... \$1.75 No. 7594 Dark Blue ..... \$1.50 No. 7533 Medium Grey ..... \$1.50
8 pieces half wool 36-inch Serg, garnet, navy, Cope blue, grey and black, worth \$1.00, our price per yard ..... 75c	Children's. 6 to 8 Old Rose and Blue ..... \$1.35 8 to 11 Blue and Old Rose ..... \$1.50 11 1-2 to 2 Blue, Red and Rose ..... \$1.50
10 pieces Cotton Serge, 36-inch, worth 50c per yard, special for December 25c	EXTRA SPECIAL. 1 lot of Ladies' Shoes, sizes 2 1-2 to 5, lace, high or low heel, button, plain or cap toes, values \$4.00 to \$5.00, only ..... \$2.95
2 pieces 36-inch White, Fancy Stripe Skirting, worth 40c yard, only ..... 25c	EXTRA VALUES IN CANVAS SHOES Extra values in Ladies' and Children's White Canvas Shoes. 9-inch top White Canvas ..... \$3.00 9-inch top White Canvas, low heel ..... \$3.00 8-inch top medium heel ..... \$2.50 5 1-2 to 8 White Canvas Shoes ..... \$1.50 8 1-2 to 11 White Canvas Shoes ..... \$1.75 11 1-2 to 2 White Canvas Shoes ..... \$2.00 2 1-2 to 5 White Canvas Shoes ..... \$2.50 50 pairs Peter's Black Diamond patent vamp cloth top, gum metal vamp cloth top, plain toes, real dressy, worth \$3.50, only ..... \$2.45 Ask to see these numbers.
10 pieces Cotton Fancy Plaids for dresses, worth 35c yard, our price ..... 25c	24 PAIRS OF VIRGINIA GIRLS. Brown vamp, cloth top, low heel; also grey boot, cloth top, French heel. Worth \$4.50. We will sell this entire lot at ..... \$3.45
5 dozen black Underskirts, worth \$1.00 each, big special, only ..... 75c	We have left about two hundred pairs Drew Shoes in button. We have decided to close them out. In other words, any button shoe in the house we will sell at ..... \$2.95 You will find in this lot patent, gum metal, tan and kids. You will find values up to \$5.00 and \$6.00 in this lot.
3 dozen black Sateen Underskirts, worth \$1.25, our December price ..... \$1.00	MISSSES' KID LACE, CLOTH TOP. 8 1-2 to 11, only ..... \$1.75 11 1-2 to 2, only ..... \$2.00
1040 black Silk Hose, worth 50c, only 25c	24 PAIRS KNOCKABOUTS. Good for school year, heavy leather, 8 to 2, only ..... \$1.45
No. 125 Misses' high grade Hose, black, worth 35c, our price only ..... 25c	
No. 477 Wonderhose for boys and girls, worth 45c, December price ..... 35c	
Ladies' Wonderhose, black and brown, worth 35c, our price ..... 25c	
1 lot Ladies' Coats just received last week, worth \$22.50 and \$25.00, our December price ..... \$17.50 and \$20.00	
1 lot Ladies' Suits, just received, worth \$50.00, big special only ..... \$35.00	
1 lot Ladies' Suits, worth \$32.50 and \$35.00, big special for December only ..... \$27.50	
Children's E. Z. Union Suits, worth \$1.25, our price ..... \$1.00	
1 lot Misses' fine Union Suits, worth 75c, our price ..... 50c	
Ladies' fine ribbed Vest and Pants, only ..... \$1.00	

# SWITZER CO.

## MAJ. W. S. MANNING KILLED.

Eldest Son of Governor Makes Supreme Sacrifice.  
Columbia, Nov. 29.—Major William Sinkler Manning, eldest son of Gov. and Mrs. Richard I. Manning, was instantly killed on the field of battle in France, November 6, five days before the armistice terms were signed, according to information received by the Governor from the War Department tonight.

The telegram to the Governor from Adjutant General of the Army Harris merely stated the bare fact that Major Manning had been killed and expressed condolence.

A letter was received here today by J. S. Hendley, of this city, from his brother, Lieut. Helmes Hendley, who himself was wounded in France, giving fuller details.

Lieut. Hendley said that as he was laying in a hospital in France from wounds, another officer was brought in severely wounded from shrapnel and placed next to him in the ward.

After the wounds of the officer had been dressed, they fell into conversation, Lieut. Hendley stating that he was from South Carolina. That officer then told him that in the same battle in which he received his wounds, he saw the son of South Carolina's governor, Major Manning, instantly killed on the field by a shell which exploded near him as he was attempting to rally his men.

Major Manning was with the 316th Infantry, 158th brigade, Seventy-ninth division, of the Fifth army corps. Governor Manning last week received a letter from him, under date of November 1, indicating that he had received his promotion to major a short time before and he said he was jubilant over his promotion and the chance of actively participating on the firing line in command of troops.

## DOCTORS SAY CALOTABS ARE BEST FOR COLDS

According to the world's greatest physicians and medical experts, Calomel is the best and only dependable remedy for breaking up a cold overnight or cutting short an attack of sore throat, deep-seated cough, influenza or la grippe. Now that science has purified Calomel of all its noxious and dangerous qualities, the new kind of Calomel, called "Calotabs" is even more popular than the old style.

One Calotab on the tongue at bed time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your diet work or pleasures. Next morning your cold has vanished and your whole system is purified and refreshed. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Your druggist recommends and guarantees Calotabs and will refund the price if you are not delighted with them.—adv.

## CHARLESTON NAMED PORT FOR SOLDIERS

Many Returning Troops Landed in South Carolina. May be Ten Months Before All Arrive.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Boston, New York, Newport News, Va., and Charleston, S. C., are the ports the war department has planned for use for the return of the army from overseas. Even with this wide distribution of the strain on port facilities and transportation, however, and with German ships now idle in German harbors employed on the task, careful estimates show that the last of the army could not possibly reach the United States in less than eight months. Conservative calculations upon which preparations by the department probably will be based, fixed ten months as the minimum.

These estimates have been made wholly on the basis of the physical difficulties to be overcome and do not take into consideration the question of the retention in Europe for some time of an American force which may be agreed upon at the peace conference. If the return movement already in progress is continued at full speed, the last division in all probability could not reach the United States before October, 1919.

Decision to route the troops to their homes through the four ports mentioned is understood to have been based on two main considerations. First, they have been equipped to handle the transports and the men, and, second, they are the natural gateways to the country, each fed by an independent rail system ramifying back through geographically independent sections of the United States. By loading the ships as far as possible with men from the same general section, it will be possible, army officers say, to avoid cross carrying and disruption of normal traffic in getting the soldiers from the ships to their homes.

In estimating transport tonnage available for the movement, officials have not only looked ahead to the new ships which will be delivered during the demobilization period by the shipping board, but also upon idle German ships, including two new and very large liners reported to have been completed except for some details of equipment. Among the German steamers is the Imperator almost as large as the Vaterland, now the Leviathan. The two new German liners are of approximately the same size as these craft. Each of these four could carry nearly 10,000 men a trip.

The German vessels eastbound would carry food supplies to be allotted to Germany.